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Letter dated 12 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to convey to you that the President of the Republic of the Sudan, Omer Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, issued today, 12 July 2018, a presidential decree to extend the unilateral ceasefire in all theatres of operations until 31 December 2018. This decision, which seeks to encourage the holdouts to join the peace process and to join the national dialogue, comes in the context of the commitment of the Government of the Sudan to peace and to implementing the outcome of the national dialogue process.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Omer Dahab Fadl **Mohamed**
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 11 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to submit herewith a letter dated 29 June 2018 addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, Abdullah Hussain Haroon, drawing your urgent attention to the illegal detention and deteriorating health of the renowned veteran Kashmiri leader, Shabbir Ahmad Shah, the Chairman of the Jammu Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party, in India's notorious Tihar jail (see annex).

I should like to request you to kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council, in connection with the item entitled "The India-Pakistan question".

(*Signed*) Maleeha **Lodhi**

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Annex to the letter dated 11 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Letter dated 29 June 2018 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to seek your urgent attention to the illegal detention and deteriorating health of a renowned veteran Kashmiri leader, Shabbir Ahmad Shah, the Chairman of the Jammu Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party, in India's notorious Tihar jail. Mr. Shah, like many other Kashmiri leaders, is a target of an Indian political vendetta, detained solely for his political beliefs and dissenting views.

Despite having already endured imprisonment for more than 31 years merely for raising his voice for the legitimate right to self-determination, Mr. Shah continues to remain detained in solitary confinement, which has led to the rapid deterioration of his health as he is already suffering from various severe ailments. He, however, has been denied any proper medical and health-care facilities, which are otherwise a fundamental right of any political prisoner.

Access to medical attention, like any human being, is Mr. Shah's basic right and it is the responsibility of the prison authorities to ensure it. I appeal to you to take immediate notice of Mr. Shah's condition, and I urge you to use your good offices to secure his release.

For its part, as party to the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, recognized by the Security Council in its resolutions, Pakistan will continue providing moral and diplomatic support to the oppressed people of Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir who are struggling for the realization of their inalienable right to self-determination.

(*Signed*) Abdullah Hussain **Haroon**